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In re application of:

COX, David et al.

Application No.: 10/042,819

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For: GENETIC ANALYSIS SYSTEMS AND

METHODS

Examiner: WHISENANT, Ethan C.

Art Unit: 1634

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

AMENDMENT, PETITION AND FEE TO CORRECT and ADD TO ORIGINALLY NAMED INVENTORS UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.48

Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition to correct the inventorship as originally submitted in the declaration under C.F.R. § 1.48(a), filed on January 7, 2002. Applicants respectfully petition to add an inventor and submit that the omission of said inventor was inadvertent and unintentional.

ADDITION OF INVENTORS

Please add the following previously unnamed person as an inventor of this application:

Nila Patil

ATTACHMENTS

Attached is:

- a) A statement executed by each person being added as an inventor that the error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intention on his or her part. 37 C.F.R. § 1.48(a)(1).
- b) A declaration executed by each of the actual inventors as required by 37 C.F.R.§ 1.63 for Utility Application
- c) Application Data Sheet
- d) Written consent of the assignee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-2043.

Respectfully submitted,

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